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SUBSTRATE HAVING A COATING DERIVED
FROM AN AQUEOUS DISPERSION OF
HYDROPHOBIC POLYMER**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants hereby amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.